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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : [REDACTED] C, NEW YORK (105-123223) (C)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] TOSHI ALINE SEEGER *aka Mrs. Peter Seeger*  
[REDACTED] IS - CHINA

DATE: 2/15/73

ReWFOlet dated, 10/27/72, captioned as above.

Referenced letter has fully identified the subject as the wife of PETER SEEGER, Bufile: 100-200845, NYfile: 100-83801. PETER SEEGER is a well known "Folk Singer" who has shown allegiance to Communist causes for many years.

The indices of the NYO reflect that investigation was previously conducted on TOSHI SEEGER, which reflected that she accompanied her husband on many of his singing tours, but has not entered in any of her husbands interest in left wing groups.

In view of the foregoing information the NYO is conducting no further investigation in this matter.

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DATE 01-28-2014 by: J75J65T61

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/24/72

FROM : LEGAT, HONG KONG ( ) ( )

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT  
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SUBJECT: #1 **PETER SEEGER**  
**IS - CH**  
**(HONfile 105-7784) (RUC)**  
**TOSHI-ALINE SEEGER**  
#2 **IS - CH**  
**(HONfile 105-7785) (RUC)**

Reference:

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☐ Files of the Legat, Hong Kong Office, contain no information identifiable with the subject.

☐ Further information relating to the subject is set forth below.

Office of origin should review indices to determine whether further investigation warranted under guidelines set forth in Section 105-G, Manual of Instructions.

Remarks: **Subject PETER SEEGER was born 5/3/19 in U. S. and is holder of U. S. Passport No. 21057717 issued 11/18/69 in London.**

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**Subject TOSHI-ALINE SEEGER was born 7/1/22 in Germany and is holder of U. S. Passport No. C368132 issued 2/15/72 in New York.**

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Subjects were traveling with [Redacted]

[Redacted] born [Redacted] New York, traveling on U. S. Passport No. [Redacted] issued 2/22/72 in New York.

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Enclosed are four copies of an article dated 4/13/72, relating to PETER SEEGER, which appeared in "Ta Kung Pao," a Chinese Communist newspaper printed in both the Chinese and English languages in Hong Kong.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Check records of Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, for pertinent background information re subjects and forward to appropriate office of origin.

# Peter Seeger brings home Chinese gongs

Among the many things Peter Seeger, one of America's top folk song singer, brought back from his two-and-a-half week tour to China were two Chinese gongs.

'Nowhere else in the world is there a gong like this,' said Seeger as he demonstrated to reporters interviewing him in a hotel lobby. 'In the old Peking opera, this is one of the characteristic punctuation marks,' he said. 'It has a great quality of humour in it.'

## China not forgetting own music

While in China, the Seegers—he travelled with his wife and daughter—visited Peking, Shanghai and Kwangchow.

'I am glad China is not forgetting its own traditional music. I have heard many wonderful melodies,' he said. To convince the reporters, he hummed a theme song from the 'White-Haired Girl'. Then he said, half seriously, 'Had Tchaikovsky heard that, he would have used it for a symphony . . . That's one of the world's greatest melody. I think it is an old Chinese folk tune which is adopted for the ballet,' he said.

Another thing which interested Seeger is the attempt made by the

Chinese people to combine Chinese traditional music with Western music.

## Magnificent synthesis

'The head of the Central Philharmonic Society in Peking, Mr Li Teh-lin, is surely one of the world's great musicians. He is trying one of the difficult things in the world, to make a good combination of two different traditions. I heard a magnificent symphony arrangement of 'Shachia-pang' of a chorus of 80 voices, and an orchestra of 80 instrumentalists, with a gong, er-wu, and pi-pa integrated with European-style symphonic music. This is very difficult.'

Having pointed out that he had seen this kind of blending done badly, he went on to say that Li Teh-lin, 'working with many others, made a, I believe, magnificent synthesis.'

While in China, Seeger met about 200 musicians and cultural workers. 'They were interested in learning something about America music,' he said. 'But I had to caution them that I'm only one musician. That



Peter Seeger

it is just like seven blind men and the elephant. They'll just get my side of the story. Then I told them all I knew. I sat with them for several hours, singing songs of Bob Dylan, Joan Baez and many others.'

## What he will write

Asked if he would write something about his trip, he said he would, particularly about one chemical factory, though he is not a chemist. When asked why, he explained: 'This is a big factory that manufactured chemicals for industrial use. In the manufacture of rayon they used caustic soda. When it first set up, it was polluting the water and the air. They made a bi-product, some chemical in some process, I don't know. And it cost them a thousand US dollars per ton to make it, because they can't sell it for as high a price as it cost to make it. They do it nevertheless. Because they don't want to get the water any dirtier and the air any dirtier.'

The Seegers said that they wanted to come back to China again when they had saved enough money.

"TA KUNG PAO"

Hong Kong, B.C.C.

April 13, 1972

ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

10/27/72

SAC, WFO (105-112238) (RUC)

TOSHI ALINE SEEGER  
IS - CH  
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Re Legat, Hong Kong letter dated 5/24/72, with enclosure.

Enclosed for New York is one copy of above-referenced Legat, Hong Kong letter dated 5/24/72, with enclosure.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., were reviewed on 10/20/72, by SC [redacted] and disclosed the following information regarding above-captioned individual:

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TOSHI ALINE SEEGER was issued Passport Number C-368132 on 2/16/72, at New York, New York, for proposed travel to France, West Germany and Italy for the purpose "concert tour". She indicated in her application dated 2/16/72, at New York, New York, she intended to depart via air on 3/1/72, for a proposed length of stay of four weeks. She indicated she expected to take another trip abroad within two years. This passport is valid for five years travel to all countries except Cuba, North Korea and North Vietnam.

This individual stated she was born on 7/1/22, at Munich, Germany. She gave her permanent residence as Dutchess Junction, Beacon, New York 12508 and requested her passport be mailed to her at Room 1304, 200 West 57th Street, Man. (New York City?), New York 10019, telephone number JU 6-6553. She listed her parents as TAKASHI OHTA, born 7/1/1892 or 7/3/1894 at Matsuyama, Japan, not a United States citizen, and VIRGINIA HARPER BERRY (nee), born 6/9/1886, at Washington, D.C., a United States citizen. She stated she was last married on 7/20/43, to PETER SEEGER, who was born on 5/3/19, at New York City, New York; marriage not terminated. In the event of death

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or accident she requested her business manager, HAROLD LEVENTHAL, Room 1304, 200 West 57th Street, New York City, New York, be notified.

TOSHI ALINE SEEGER was previously issued Passport Number F-856132 on 9/13/65, at New York, New York, for proposed travel to Great Britain, France and USSR for the purpose "accompany husband on concert tour". She indicated in her application dated 9/13/65, at New York, New York, she intended to depart via air on 9/16/65, from New York City for a proposed length of stay of six weeks. She gave her permanent residence as Box 431, Beacon, New York.

This individual was also previously issued Passport Number 2418726 on 9/20/60, however, this passport application cannot be located by the Passport Office at this time for review. This passport was renewed on 7/11/63, at New York, New York, for proposed travel to Australia, Japan, India, Poland, Austria, Israel, Italy, Holland, USSR and Czechoslovakia for the purpose "tourist". She indicated in her passport renewal application dated 7/9/63, she intended to depart via air for a proposed length of stay of ten months. To the question, "Are you a member of the Communist Party?" she answered, "No." To the question, "Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?" she answered, "No."

The following description appears on her 1972 passport application:

Height:	5'3½"
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Manager
Social Security Number:	104-16-5143

Copies of this individual's photograph as appearing on her 1972 passport application will be forwarded to New York via routing slip when processed.



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WFO files contain no derogatory information regarding subject.

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Determine whether further investigation warranted under guidelines set forth in Section 105-G, Manual of Instructions.

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 8/23/72

Subject Toshi-Aline Seeger

Social Security Account #

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Address

Birth Date

Birthplace

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